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City's additional race track public hearing

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

Magna Entertainment officials and supporters of the 212-acre proposed racetrack scheduled to make its way to Michigan are beginning to wonder if the plan will ever get out of the starting gate.

Romulus City Council members voted to approve a request from Romulus City Planner Cynthia Lyon to schedule one more study session regarding Michigan Downs. This request came at the end of the regular Aug. 25 council meeting and raised some concerns and eyebrows.

The study session will take place at 8 p.m. on Sept. 17 and the purpose is to clarify language about Phase II of the Magna project, according to Lyon.

It's a busy season for the city council, too. City council members had some trouble coming up with a date for the

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study session.

"We have booked ourselves solid," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak.

Phase II of the project is proposed to be a mixed-use facility that would include residential, retail, commercial and convention space. According to officials at Magna, this portion of the project would be conditional on factors such as the market conditions and financing availability.

"Phase II is on the drawing board and there is no reason why it would not be completed," said Jim McAlpine, president and CEO of Magna Entertainment.

He said adding mixed-use facilities to a horse track is not uncommon.

The procedure is one of Magna Entertainment's strategies and has been for some time.

Council members said they still have concerns about whether this part of the project will actually be completed once things are under way. These concerns have also been voiced by members of the community and have led to some hesitation on the part of some council members.

The proposed Michigan Downs racetrack would be located north of I-94 off Vining Road between Smith on the north and Wick Road on the south.

"I will be available to answer all question," said McAlpine. "I am looking forward to getting this project up and running," he said.

Romulus prepares for annual festival

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

There will be pie baking contests, talent searches, a bingo booth, canning competitions and a parade of lights. When the annual Romulus Pumpkin Fest begins this week, residents will see a bigger event than ever before according to organizers.

And this year the Pumpkin Fest will begin earlier than the scheduled weekend events, they said. While official events and festivities will begin Sept. 19 and continue through Sept. 21, earlier contests have been added to the schedule.

The Canning Contest for example, is planned for Sept. 17.

All Canning Contest entries must be home-made by the participant. And, all entries must be brought to the Romulus Recreation Center on Bibbins Street before 4 p.m. that day.

There will be a Pie Baking Contest and the only pies to be judged this year are pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple. All entries must be brought to the Romulus Recreation Department Building with a cellophane type covering. Entries must be in before 4 p.m. Sept. 19.

There will also be a House Decorating Contest Sept. 18.

The festival itself begins on Friday, when residents and visitors will be treated to the fifth annual Parade of Lights, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary

Club.

All entries for the Parade of Lights must be lighted. There will be prizes for first place winners in three categories: Non-motorized, non-commercial and commercial. Parade lineup will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the municipal complex on Wayne Road.

The parade begins promptly at 8. For more information please contact the Romulus Rotary Club, sponsors of the event, at (734) 941-5245 or visit www.romulusrotary.org.

"My seniors will have an arts and crafts booth at the event as well and we are looking forward to this most popular event for the City of Romulus," said Linda Norman, senior center coordinator.

Auditions for the American Idol talent contest will take place from 1-4 p.m. this Saturday at the Romulus Recreation Building.

All finalists will perform at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday.

Age groups for the talent competition are adults ages 18 and up, teens, ages 14-17 and juniors, ages 10 to 13.

Each contestant must provide his or her own music and props. Each contestant will have three minutes to audition and the auditions are open to Romulus residents only.

And, retiring Councilman Bill Wadsworth will operate a Bingo booth in order to generate funds for the new Romulus animal shelter.

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Romulus Historical Museum Director Pearl Varner displays the ballot box recently returned to the city by the Plymouth Historical Museum. The box is dated 1865.

Home at last Original ballot box returned to city museum

Members of the Romulus Historical Society found out last week how persistence can pay off when they refused to let up on their letter writing campaign to get an important piece of history returned to the City of Romulus.

"After nearly 140 years a ballot box, believed to be the first used in Romulus has finally made it home," said Museum Director Pearl Varner. She described the box as "a very important piece of local history."

According to Varner the ballot box was recently acquired from the Plymouth Historical Museum. After members of the Romulus Historical Society discovered the existence of the box, they wrote letters to Plymouth requesting the return of the antique.

Beth Stewart, director of the

Plymouth Historical Museum, said she felt the ballot box should be returned to its rightful place.

"With happy reluctance we will return the unusual piece of political memorabilia," she said. "I hope that if another community has anything pertaining to Plymouth's history, that they will return it to its rightful place as well."

A faded note, pasted on the front of the box, authenticates it as the first used in Romulus, Varner said. According to city records, John Simpson, Jr. was the first town clerk and it is his signature on the note.

City records also indicate that Simpson was elected to the clerk position in 1835 and 1836.

Stewart said she did not know who donated the box to their collection.

The box had been on display in the Village Hall, which is part of a recreation of historic Plymouth, located on the lower level of the Plymouth museum.

The box is rectangular in shape and painted black. There is a tiny square opening on the top of the box to insert ballots. Invisible hinges allow the top to be opened to retrieve ballots. According to Varner once the box was opened, a key was found inside. Society members are surprised that the box has survived these many years.

Varner said that, according to official records, Romulus became a township in 1835.

"It sure feels good to have it back home," she said. "We want to thank the Plymouth Historical Museum for allowing this treasure to be brought back to Romulus," Varner said.

On the road

Commissioner to host and narrate historic area tour

Scott Spielman
Editor

Anyone who wants to learn more about the Rouge River and Hines Park should set aside a couple of hours next week.

Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes is hosting – and narrating—a bus tour through the park that highlights several unique areas in western Wayne County.

“It takes about 20 minutes to drive it, but we do it in two hours,” said her assistant, Deborah Wanamaker.

She said the bus tour would take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 12. It will begin in downtown Plymouth and take in local historical spots like the Wilcox House before heading to Hines Drive to visit the places like the Bennett Arboretum, Mill Race Historical Village and downtown Northville, and the Nankin Mills area, to name a few. At each stop Bankes will give a brief explana-

tion of the historical significance of the area.

“There’s a lot of history we drive by every day, but no one knows a lot about it,” she said.

The proceeds of the \$15 tour will go toward efforts to redevelop the old Phoenix Mill, currently a Wayne County Roads facility at the intersection of Five Mile and Northville roads, into a museum honoring the contributions of

women in history.

Wanamaker said she’s been working with the chambers of commerce in both Plymouth and Northville to develop a small package of coupons to local shops and restaurants, which is also part of the tour. That ties the communities into the larger, historical context of the tour, she said.

“After the tour everyone can get of the bus and do some shopping or have some lunch,” she said.

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OBITUARIES

HARVEY, James Bernice Sr.

James Bernice Harvey Sr, 86, of Inkster, died in Fort Worth TX Aug. 4.

Among his survivors are his children, James Jr., Margaret, Judith, Patricia and Bernard; 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Harvey served four years in the Army during World War II in the Red Express Tank Division under Gen. George Patton.

Funeral services were at the Pentecostal Temple COGIC with Elder Isaac King officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

GALBREATH, Lewis M.

Lewis M. Galbreath, Jr., 75, of Inkster, died Aug. 18.

Among his survivors are his wife, Doris; stepmother, Odessa; sister, Sallye; a son, Anthony; four stepdaughters; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with the Rev. J.L. Davis officiating.

DAVIS, Donald William

Donald Wiliam Davis, 86, of Wayne died June 24.

Among his survivors are his sons, William (Kathy) Davis, James David, John Davis and

Dale (Mary) Davis; a brother, Ernie Davis; 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Joy Road Baptist Church with the Rev. Jay Cubbison officiating.

Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

ERDMAN, Carole S.

Carole S. Erdman, 50, of Redford, died Aug. 27.

Among her survivors are her husband, Kerry; children, Kimberly (Michael) McGue, Matthew and Courtney; her parents, Howard and Virginia Hurley; a brother, Michael (Judy) Hurley; sisters, Kathie Hurley and Maureen (Bill) Witkowski, and grandchildren, Jordan, Collin and Kyle.

A service of remembrance was at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford with Father Dennis Theroux officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

SHIRK, Valerie

Valerie Shirk, 68, of Loudon, TN, died Aug. 31.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 48 years, Donald Shirk; children, Michael (Kristine) Shirk of Michigan, Steven (Cheryl) Shirk of North Carolina, Randal (Kimberly) Shirk of Connecticut, and Denise

(Charlie) Cobb of Michigan; grandchildren, Michelle, Anna, Brandon, Jared, Amanda, Dustin, Karen and Julia Shirk and Joseph, David and Emily Cobb, and siblings, Pete (Renee) Olack of Michigan, Richard (Gail) Olack of Michigan and Sherry (Donald) Qualkenbush of Loudon.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at St Mary Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating Sept. 6.

A private interment is planned for Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, TN.

SCHMIDT, Deborah J.

Deborah J. Schmidt, 51, of Romulus, died Aug. 29 in Flint.

Among her survivors are her husband, Donald C. Schmidt; daughter, Tracy (Scott) Schmidt of Ypsilanti; a son, Jason (Sheryl) Schmidt of Allen Park; a brother, James W. (Judy) Cumming of Rochester, NY; grandchildren, Daniel and Madison; three nephews; a niece, and her mother-in-law, Elizabeth “Bette” Schmidt of Rochester, NY.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White of Grace Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 24, 2003
City of Wayne
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(734) 722-2000

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

Wayne Housing Commission
4001 S Wayne Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 721-8602

On or about September 2, 2003, the City of Wayne on behalf of the Wayne Housing Commission will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release FY 2003 monies available under the Capital Fund Program (CFP) for the following project.

2003 Capital Fund Program \$90,198 HUD CFP FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TELLS WORK

It is the intent of the Wayne Housing Commission to utilize these funds in an effort to update and improve our developments, which consist of 40 scattered family units and 36 elderly units. The scope of the work includes: Replacing 36 original zone valves for heat in the 36 elderly units. To improve landscaping at the three elderly and the three Wayne Road sites. And for operations.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds for the Wayne Housing Commission will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare an EIS are because the Project Activities address existing problems and needs without creating adverse impacts on the environment.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the above stated project has been prepared by the Wayne Housing Commission. The ERR documents the environmental review of the project and more fully details the reasons why an EIS is not required. The ERR is avail-

able for public examination and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the office of

Wayne Housing Commission
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No further environmental review of the Project Activities is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups, or persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Wayne to the address stated above. Such comments should be received no later than September 2, 2003. All such comments will be considered and the City of Wayne will not request release of federal funds or take any administrative action in the Project Activities prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The Wayne Housing Commission will undertake this project with federal monies available through the Capital Fund Program. The City of Wayne is certifying to HUD that John Zech, in his official capacity as City Manager of the City of Wayne consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal Courts if an action brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environment reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Wayne Housing Commission may use Capital Fund Program funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection of its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (A) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (B) that an applicant ERR for projects indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step application to the project in the Environment Review Process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure in 24CFR Part 58, and may be addressed to HUD at the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 West Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Wayne Housing Commission certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Zech, City Manager
City of Wayne

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Counting his blessings

Romulus man overcomes handicap

Four in the morning may seem like an unthinkable hour to rise and begin the day, but 33-year old Todd Hammons, said he has no other choice.

That's when a caretaker arrives at Hammons' Romulus home. The caretaker is there to see to it that he is bathed, dressed, fed and properly prepared for full day of work.

"I am thankful for the fact that I have a job to go to every day," said Hammons, a quadriplegic.

Hammons is thankful for a lot of things these days.

"I am off government assistance, and I can help take care of my family," he said proudly.

After he lost the use of his legs and partial use of his arms during a diving accident when he was 19, Hammons admits he was depressed for a while. But, he has not let life's disappointments keep him down.

"I went through a period of time when I was depressed after the accident, but that did not last

long," he said. "The loss of my body was like losing my best girlfriend – that's the only way I can describe it and it was devastating," he added.

However, Hammons was more interested in helping others than he was at staying depressed.

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Being faced with the prospect of living life as a quadriplegic, and knowing that he was now limited at the things he could do raised a question: how and what could he do for others, if he

could barely fend for himself?

According to Hammons, he had to start putting together a plan to get his life back on track. And, soon came opportunity. Hammons received the chance to do something positive for others.

The University of Michigan School of Neurosurgeons asked him if he would be interested in giving speeches about brain and spinal cord injury prevention to Ann Arbor school children.

"I was always interested in helping others and this gave me the chance," Hammons said.

Now eight years later, he is still educating young people about the dangers of "careless child play," which he said caused his accident, and how to protect against head and spinal cord injuries.

At the beginning of 2003, Hammons experienced something else that was just as fulfilling. He started to work his dream job when he signed on



Todd Hammons has overcome his disability and is now employed as a sales representative at a conversion van dealership.

with Mobility Works Jan. 11.

Mobility Works is an Ohio-based company that builds and outfits automobiles and vans for handicapped individuals. They opened an 18,000-square-foot indoor showroom and service department in Madison Heights in April of 2002.

"This is a wonderful job and good for me," said Hammons. He works in the sales department

and so far has sold a van a month since he has been there, along with some other vehicles.

He loves to take his nephew to Indiana every weekend for Nascar racing and he feels good about being able to contribute to the household finances – he still lives at home with his mother, he said.

"Things are really good, and I'm glad," he said.



Romulus Community School District employees honored for 30 years of service 1st week included, left to right, Jeffrey Royal, Dennis Stoh, Howard Miller, Mel Kimbrough, Louise Briody, Doug Hoffman, Florence Satterlee, Dan Hurst, Kathy Kudra and Barb Jaszcz.



Romulus Community School District Human Resource Director Ed Clark, second from right, and Board of Education President Betty Lenossi, at left, and board member Ken Mientkiewicz, at right, congratulated 35-year district employees Gail Modryduski and Joyce Bujak.

School district honors longest serving employees

The Romulus Board of Education started the school year off by honoring several district teachers for their longevity and dedicated years of service.

Superintendent of Schools Joel R. Carr and Romulus Board of Education President Betty Lenossi welcomed back school employees at a special "Years of Service Program" at Romulus Senior High School.

Lenossi complimented the staff for

the excellent job of preparing the buildings for the opening of school.

Teachers honored for 10 years of service were: Susan Brewington, Betty Cantrell, Virginia Dryer, Linda Gilliland, Ruth Hopson, Dorothy Mc Kinnie, Rosemary Szymofelnik, Charles Usztics, Lee Varga

Those honored for 15 years include: Donald Matheny, Kim Wells and, Sharon Zilka.

Teachers honored for 20 years of

service were: Alicia Del Toro-Watson, Loretta Good, Gloria Harvey, Evelyn Koerber, Karen Kusibab, Karen McFall, Linda Redman, James Sparagowski, Carol White.

Twenty-five-year honorees were: Kathleen Abdo, Gary Banas, Williams Baum, Carol Pastrick, Kathleen Robinson, Irene Sandusky, Michael Blackburn, Henry James, Christine Julvezan, James Orme, Suzanne Snyder, Connie Watkins, Frank

Zarzycki.

Those recognized for 30 years of service were: Louise Briody, Douglas Hoffman, Dan Hurst, Barbara Jaszcz, Melvin Kimbrough, Cathy Kudra, Howard Miller, Joseph Murphy, Jeffrey Royal, Florence Satterlee, Dennis Stoh.

And the longest terms honored by the board were those of Joyce Bujak and Gail Modryduski who have each worked in the district for 35 years.

Blind man thwarts attempted robbery, shoots assailant

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An Inkster man remains in critical condition at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor after being shot by a blind man last Tuesday, police said.

Lawrence Harris, 36, was shot after he and Stacey Morgan, 34, allegedly broke into the second-floor apartment of Tyrone Heath on Northland Street on the south side of the city, according to Inkster Police

Det. Anthony Abdallah. Police received a call at 4 p.m. from an off-duty Inkster police officer who lived in the apartment complex, Abdallah said.

When police arrived, Harris and Morgan were found on the grounds of the apartment complex, said Det. Jeff Falkenstien. According to the statement Heath gave to officers, his apartment doorbell sounded, and he thought someone intending to visit another resident had buzzed the wrong apartment. He went ahead and

let the men into the building. They were able to gain entry to Heath's apartment through an unlocked door, Falkenstien said.

After an alleged physical altercation with Harris and Morgan, Heath told police he was able to reach a handgun he kept near his sofa and fired at the men, hitting Harris in the shoulder, Falkenstien said.

The men then jumped out of the second floor window to escape the gunfire, Abdallah said.

Though the men were not able to take money or property, police believe the break-in was drug related.

Morgan, a licensed cosmetologist who has no criminal history, was arraigned on charges of home invasion and assault with the intent to commit robbery on Thursday in front of Judge John McCartney at the 22nd District Court.

Morgan pleaded not guilty to both charges, which could put him in prison for up to 35 years, Falkenstien said.

He is free on 7,500 cash bond and is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary exam on Sept. 10.

Harris will face the same charges when he recovers from his wounds, but will likely be charged under the Michigan habitual offender law because of a second-degree murder conviction in 1987, Falkenstien said. He could face life in prison without the possibility of parole. Heath was cleared of any wrongdoing by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Cryptic plan

Local man preparing manual to aid in cemetery restoration

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Broken headstones scatter the ground. Some are buried under grass and soil or years of built up rubbish. Many tombstones date back to the 1800s and mark the final resting spots of Civil War veterans, original Eagle Scouts and some of the original settlers of Canton Township.

This is Downer Cemetery in Canton, where many of the stones are cracked, broken or have just fallen flat on the ground.

But one man, with the help of an army of volunteers, has started to slowly resurrect the historic site.

Three years ago, Gregg King, a employee in the Canton Parks Division, volunteered to restore and preserve historic Canton cemeteries as a part of his job responsibilities. Since then, he has been piecing together broken headstones, digging grave markers out of the ground, and has righted the fallen tombstones.

"It's something I fell into. Before I came to work for the township I was a commissioner on a historic district committee, so I already had an interest in history," King said. "When I came here and heard that one of the cemeteries was in need of help, it's something that piqued my interest."

He admits that at first he did not know much about how to restore a cemetery. However, during the last three years he has collected a library of information from throughout the United States, has traveled to seminars and has taken training courses on how to conserve cemeteries, he said.

All of his hard work and training will eventually pay off for the cemeteries in the township and possibly others within the state when he helps write a manual on the topic.

Last year, the township board of trustees approved an application to the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries for a grant to fund the research and writing of a manual for the preservation of historic cemeteries.

Last month, the grant was awarded for

\$5,000 with a match grant from the township. Now King has until June 2004 to finish his research, compile it and write the manual.

"What we hope to do is offer a very comprehensive manual to somebody who has just inherited the responsibilities of preserving a cemetery, much like I did, that tells them, step by step, how to do it," King said.

"Respectfully said, any schmuck can go out there and clean a graveyard," he said. "But, if you want to maintain a cultural resource then you need to go out with an educated, somewhat slowed-down, approach so that your early actions don't inhibit or prevent your future actions. That's what this manual will do."

Although cleaning and fixing headstones is a major part of the project, there are other things to consider. Fences, trees, plants and even flowers help in preserving the cemetery.

"My hope is to restore the cemeteries as historically accurate. That is my goal," he said. "Some people just want to go out and grow marigolds to brighten up their cemetery. That's fine, but if they want to be historically accurate those marigolds better be cultivated in the 1800s."

"Last year we planted roses," he said. "The cemetery was opened around 1836 and I needed plants that were cultivated at that time. We found a dealer that specifically deals in antique roses from that time period," he said.

The contract for the grant includes topics of preservation, rehabilitation of grave markers, repair and rewriting of headstones, proper signage, soils, the standards of landscaping, fencing, buildings and structures, he said.

"We want to combine a Cliff Notes version of everything that is out there, a do-it-yourself manual that tells you what exactly is needed to fix it," he said. "I hope that the production of the manual will offer a one-stop-shop for people that are in my position in the future. It will be as complete as possible."

The manual will also include an assortment of plans and activities for teachers to

do with their students in the cemetery, he said. Girl and Boy Scout groups will also be able to earn community and history merit badges by doing activities in the cemeteries, according to King.

With all of the time and effort he has already put into the project he said that it has become somewhat of an obsession at this point.

"I love it," he said. "I go home at night and read or I'm on the Internet until 9:30 or 10 every night. It's all I think or talk about."

"My wife probably thinks I'm doing this a little too much," he said. "But, if I'm not that obsessed about it how is this manual going to come out?"



Gregg King wants to put everything he learned about restoring historic cemeteries into a manual anyone can use.

"This is a perfect fit for me," he added. "I can work with my hands, do something good. It's respectful and it enhances the cultural resources of the township. It's a win-win situation."

CITY OF INKSTER ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2003 is the last day that nominating petitions for Charter Commissioner may be legally received for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

Business Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Council Resolution 03-7-307.

Kimberly Turner, CMC
City Clerk

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The Mackinnon Home, one of the newest structures on the home tour, may have the most unique interior. Antiques from the community are incorporated into the design of the home.

Home tour Victorian Festival offers tour of historic Northville homes

Scott Spielman
Editor

Northville area residents will have a chance to peek inside the homes of four of their neighbors next weekend, when the annual historic home tour returns in conjunction with the Northville Victorian Festival.

The home tour event, now in its eighth year, is a popular fundraiser put on by the American Association of University Women, according to Leanie Bayly, one of the organizers of the event.

This year, four unique homes are featured on the tour, she said.

"We've got two that are in the historic district and two that are on the other side of town, just outside the historic district," she said. "It's less than 2 miles, round trip, so you can walk to each location."

Among the homes on the tour are the Keys home, the second oldest structure in Northville, which dates back to 1826. The Presley home, built during the Queen Anne Period, includes a former carriage entrance and plenty of original features, even though it's been substantially expanded by current owner Greg Presley, an architect.

The Kerns home is another of the homes on the list, Bayly said. It was origi-

nally part of the Yerkes farm, and is referred to as a poor man's Victorian farmhouse. Once slated for destruction, it has instead been modified to include modern amenities.

The newest home on the tour may be the most popular, however. The MacKinnon home was constructed in 1984, but its owner, Earl Bryan, an industrial arts instructor for John Glenn High School, designed reclaimed antiques in the home as he renovated! A covered wagon was converted into an entertainment center. Doors to an old-fashioned public telephone form the entrance to an indoor bathroom where a banker's desk forms a vanity and the sauna features an antique ceiling.

"It's unbelievable," Bayly said. "He's incorporated a lot of unique antiques from southern Michigan and downtown Northville."

Tickets for the Sept. 13 event are \$15 and can be purchased at Gardenviews and Salutations in downtown Northville. Only 1,000 are printed, and the tour typically sells out, Bayly said.

The funds generated by the tour go toward scholarships given out by the AAUW, according to Bayly.

"This is our largest fundraiser of the year," she said.

Westland Expo planned

Theresa Whettett
Staff Writer

The Westland Chamber of Commerce, along with Westland Shopping Center, will host the annual "Health and Business Expo" next Monday.

"We want to open our doors and happily welcome the businesses and health professionals to the mall, along with the people that will come to visit the expo," said Denise Mills, marketing coordinator for the Westland Shopping Center.

The Expo will start at 10 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. and will include approximately 50 booths set up in the east court area by Marshall Field's. Visitors to the booths may receive information about community services and local businesses.

According to Lori Brist, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, participating businesses this year include banks, computer specialists, retirement living

facilities, nutritional experts, and custom printers, among others.

New to the Expo this year is the addition of free health screenings. Screenings will be available from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and will include tests for bone density and body fat, hearing screenings, gait analysis, blood pressure and eyeglass cleaning and repair.

"We are having six to eight second-year students come to the Expo," said Ruth Ann Petres, R.N. and teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. Petres' students have been studying to be medical assistants, and will provide blood pressure readings under the supervision of a registered nurse.

The Expo is free to anyone who wishes to attend. Afternoon booths are still available to any business that wishes to participate. There is fee for businesses to participate. For more information, contact Lori Brist at (734) 326-7222.



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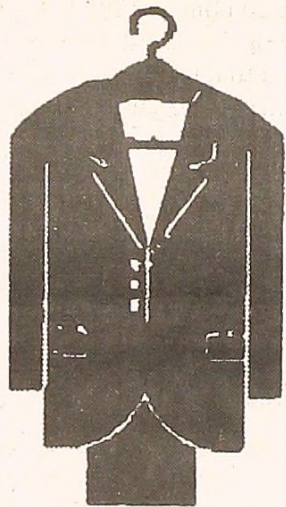
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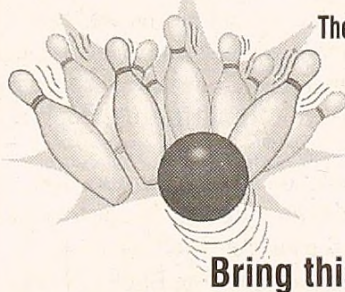
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Teens suggest new use for senior center

Scott Spielman
Editor

Members of the Northville Youth Advisory Council (YAC) are finalizing the details on a proposal to turn the former Northville Senior Center into an after-school teen gathering spot.

Members of the group gave an opening pitch to the Northville Public School board last week. It was a preliminary proposal, and it didn't include exact financial figures yet, but they said they were in the process for putting together a budget for the center.

The senior center is currently located in a small building on Cady Street in downtown Northville, across the street from the Northville Public Library and the Northville Community Center, which will be renovated into a larger center for senior citizens next year.

The current center is about 1,100 square feet on two levels, and the age and layout make it a difficult building to redevelop.

"We envision it as a place where teens can come together after school and hang out," said Rachel Fields, a member of the (YAC). The YAC is a group organized by the Northville Community Foundation.

Lisa Peterson, another member of the group, told the school board members that a center for teens would be a benefit to the community. It might help them stay out of trouble, she said.

"Without a teen center some teens are left to fill their own time, and they sometimes make destructive choices," Peterson said.

They visited the much-larger center in Ann Arbor to get some ideas for their own center, she said. That has been in place for about six years, according to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, and it's a lot bigger than the plan for Northville.

"Doing a comparison is like comparing

apples to watermelons," she said. "We're looking at a small building, with hopes that a lot of what we need will be donated."

The YAC is just one of the groups putting together a proposal for the old senior center, according to Northville Parks and Recreation director Traci Sincock. Ultimately, the group that submits the best plan would probably be able to reuse the building.

Fields said the business plan may include an annual membership fee, which would help fund the project.

"We're still researching this," she said. "We're just trying to make our business plan as thorough as possible."

Members of the YAC will give the presentation to the Northville Township Board of Trustees this month, and go before the Northville City Council in October.

Members of the school board responded favorably to the plan, as did school administrators.

"This is well done," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of the Northville school district, who also cautioned the students. "I'm well aware of other teen centers and how long it took them to get going. It's one thing to have the idea, but you'll need a lot of money to get it going."

Peters said she was impressed with the way the teens presented themselves and their plan.

"Hopefully, it will come to fruition, now," she said.

Peterson said she was optimistic about it. She and fellow YAC member Matt Kosmowski said they had talked to a lot of fellow teens and received a lot of positive feedback.

"It's not just kids in Northville that are excited about this opportunity," Peterson said. "It's kids from all over the community."

Clothing bank seeking new director and volunteers

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Clothing Bank at Salem High School is seeking a new director and volunteers for the new school year.

Kelly Warkoczeski, the volunteer coordinator for the 1,500 square foot facility, will step down from her position in two weeks. She served in the position since the fall of 2000, but says she will stay on as a volunteer.

"I have a daughter that is entering kindergarten and I need a little more time with my family," Warkoczeski said. "But we're still looking for other volunteers. We would like to be open more hours during the week."

The Clothing Bank has been a part of the Plymouth-Canton school district since 1977, when then-administrator Flossie Tonda saw that some students were in need of new or gently used clothing. Today, the Clothing Bank is stocked with hundreds of sweaters, skirts, shoes, slacks and jackets in several sizes for adults and teenagers. New underwear and socks are provided to each student through cash donations from local business and clubs like the Parent-Teacher Organization and the Plymouth Rotary Club. St. John Newman Catholic Church sponsors an underwear drive in the summer and a jeans and sneakers drive in the winter to benefit the Clothing Bank.

Warkoczeski said people are always surprised that a clothing bank in a community like Plymouth-Canton would see so much business, especially since both Plymouth and Canton have grown and evolved from rural to affluent communities.

"People are often amazed that we have the traffic we do," she said. "But people are also so surprised at the level of generosity in this area. There are always people in need. Sometimes, people face hard times - typical scenarios we witness with some regularity include a family, medical bills, a parent who has lost their job, things like that."

Warkoczeski added that she and her staff of 12 volunteers also see youngsters who are essentially living on their own or have a parent who is not functioning normally. Referrals from First-Step, the victims of domestic violence advocacy group, and people referred from social service agencies are also served through the Clothing Bank.

Currently, the Clothing Bank is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information about volunteering, call (734) 416-6179. To make a monetary donation, send a check or money order made out to the Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank to Carole Cody, the Educational Excellence Foundation, Tanger Center, 40260 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

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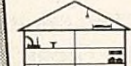
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



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OPINION

A burning issue

With very little warning to officials in Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, the controversial incinerator that serves those communities shut down last week.

The embattled facility resurfaced in the news in recent weeks when the failure of the owners of the incinerator to make a single payment on the \$80 million owed from its construction was revealed. Further, officials confirmed that ongoing maintenance problems prohibited the facility from performing at an efficiency level high enough for it to make a profit, or even pay its bills.

Good riddance, some say. Well, it worked for us, others put in. The question is, what happens now?

Officials in the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, which oversees the interests of the five communities that use the incinerator and the Central Wayne Energy Recovery Limited Partnership, which operates the facility, have met weekly as the issues confronting the incinerator continued to mount. They've indicated that they'll continue to meet on a weekly basis in order to form a plan to either get the incinerator functioning the way it should, or develop a new alternative.

We think it's time to think about a new alternative. The incinerator, on its best day, presents an interesting concept: a way to take trash and burn it, convert it to energy and sell it to power companies. It's worked in other areas of the United States, but never really achieved its potential here.

Even when things were working relatively well, residents didn't like the agreement. The charges for disposal were higher in those communities than in those who are serviced by landfills.

Of course, the concept of simply transferring garbage to a landfill isn't a long-term solution, either. The sites nearby are getting near capacity without the added burden of the waste from the five communities in the Authority.

It's time for city officials in Inkster, Wayne and Westland to listen to the critics of the incinerator project. Perhaps there's a way to use this shut down to break up the agreement that binds the five communities, and allow them to escape this fiasco without further expense.

It's certainly something that should be handled soon, before already concerned residents start to see garbage pile up in the streets, which is something that nobody – city officials, residents or the waste haulers themselves – wants to see happen.

Now is the time to be heard

Tuesday is the day that many in the Westland community have long waited for:

Election Day, part one.

That's when the field of 10 candidates vying for four open city council seats will be narrowed down to eight.

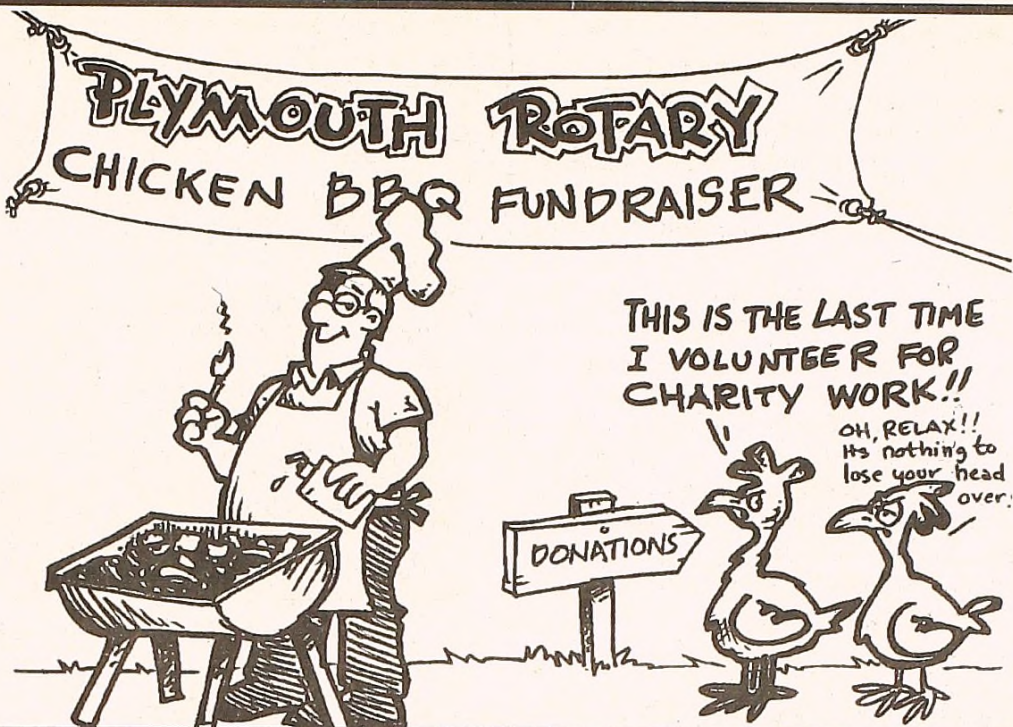
Of those eight, four will be elected in November, three to four-year seats and one to a two-year seat.

While it's true that it is just a primary election, and some could use that as an argument to not go out and vote, it's not a very convincing argument.

Primary elections are just as important as regular elections in determining the future of a community. They are good tools for candidates to gauge their popularity, see how much work they need to do, or if they have a fighting chance at all.

Residents are constantly reminding officials in the City of Westland that their election day is looming. Many of these vocal critics don't seem to agree with anything that the city council does or says, and some of those critics are on the ballot.

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Life is progress not perfection

Here's a recap of last week:

The voice known as Lambros, managing director for Nexus yacht and cruises, stressed that The Viking Star leaves the Greek island of Tinos during the night, so Jerry must be there. This is the same guy who told Jerry there were plenty of seats left on the last ferry to Tinos. The ferry had been sold out for two days. Jerry managed an invite from the ferry captain and figured the worst was over: "A woman named Marguerite will meet you at Tinos dock and take care of everything," Lambros promised. But...

After more than four and half-hours into the trip the mysterious Lambros said would take two hours; the ferry arrives at Tinos. It's 9:30 at night and pitch black.

"Excuse me. Are you Marguerite?"

"Huh?"

"Excuse me, are...."

"Nay."

"Was that 'Nay' meaning yes, or 'No,' meaning no?" I asked

The woman turned and walked away.

So there I was, the ferry was gone and so was everyone else. It was just me and my shadow, sitting on the dock on a Greek bay.

"Marguerite?" I said out loud to no one, feeling like Woody Allen. "Where are youuuuu?"

I started laughing. Why be angry? Hell, this was adventure.

There are lights maybe a half a mile away, so I start walking, pulling one suitcase, dragging another. Thirty minutes later, I'm about crawl up to this black hulk. It's The Viking Star.

A young German woman greets me.

"Marguerite?" I ask.

"What?"

"Lambros said I was supposed to be met by a Marguerite."

"I'm Gabriella. Who's Marguerite?"

Shaking my head, I'm thinking of the Abbott and Costello, "Who's on first?" routine. Gabriella looks at me very strangely.

"All I was told was that you were a friend of Lambros and would be joining us," she explained.

Hot, exhausted, famished and certainly not a friend of Lambros, I sighed.

"You don't know Lambros? He runs the company?"

"Never heard of him till today," Gabriella replied.

Apparently Lambros' connection with the Viking Star was a friendship with the owner. So, when, God knows what happened to the Lambros cruise, he pawned me off.

Natalie placed a plate of golden Greek fries, a chicken leg and thigh in front of me. Ah, the welcome-aboard dinner. I picked up a fry. . .it was dead- man cold. So was the chicken.

"Excuse me, but..."

"The food is cold," Natalie finished my sentence.

"So sorry, the cook is gone."

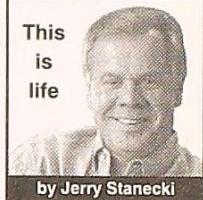
"What? Did he take the oven with him?" I asked.

"Ah, me no understand," she replied. A standard Greek line, when there's a desire not to deal with something.

I stumbled below, fell into a deep sleep and a scary dream about the Viking Star sinking. I woke sweating.

At first light, I walked the exterior of the boat. With

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No hot fudge and lap dances

Despite the suspicions and accusations of a number of Belleville residents, there are no lap dances planned or available at McCoy's Grill and Ice Cream Parlor in their city.

Jim McCoy, owner of the establishment on Industrial Park Drive, was granted the last liquor license in the city earlier this year. He promised at that time that the restaurant would not change from a family-friendly, neighborhood facility into a seedy nightclub and he has kept his promise.

When McCoy applied for an entertainment license Aug.18 and approached the city council for their approval, some members of the audience treated him like a criminal.

McCoy's Grill does not sell liquor. Beer and malt liquor (which are more like wine coolers than liquor) are the only alcoholic beverages available there. Having only a tavern license, McCoy cannot serve hard liquor. I have been a customer of McCoy's both before alcohol was served and after, and I can't say that the restaurant or the atmosphere has changed at all. In fact, the only indication that alcoholic beverages are available is one sign on a wall

and a mention on the menu.

Alcohol is not readily available in coolers where customers can simply take it out and drink it. Not once have I seen a child drink or be served alcohol in McCoy's, and not once have I seen anything improper happen in McCoy's as a result of alcohol being served. A common sense rule applies in McCoy's as it would apply anywhere –adults may drink alcohol and children may not.

McCoy needed an entertainment license because he needed local permission to have the 60-inch television in his establishment provide "entertainment" and so that he could host his usual events, such as karaoke contests, a turkey bowl and psychic readings. Since he has a tavern license, he must have an entertainment license to provide even these innocuous diversions. He specifically did not ask for an entertainment permit that would include dancing of any kind, but Bob Baker, speaking as a concerned citizen, said this license would only lead to "topless

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It's always been our thought that, if you want to criticize elected officials, you better, at minimum be prepared to cast a ballot.

But that's just one reason to go out and vote on Tuesday. The overriding one is that it is our duty as Americans. It's one of our more basic rights, our voice in the process. Having a voice in government is something coveted in many places world wide, and often times it's discarded here, or used only if we have nothing better going on.

That being said, our newspaper has decided not to endorse any candidates in the primary election. We'll save our endorsements - the way many candidates save their money - for those who make it through that first step, and onto the ballot in November.

That's no reason, however, not to cast a ballot on Tuesday. The only way you can help ensure your favored candidates will be around in November is to cast your ballot for them on Tuesday.

And if you don't go out and vote, you really can't complain.

License - Restaurant patrons have choice

FROM PAGE 7

dancing". I asked Baker, who is head of the city planning commission, as did Mayor pro tem Kay Atkins, what changed at McCoy's since he was granted a liquor license? Baker couldn't cite any change, but said he and his wife chose to take their business elsewhere when McCoy was given a liquor license.

McCoy may have been correct by characterizing such accusations and predictions of his future conduct as "ignorant."

Many people do not condone the serving or drinking of alcohol. They have the right to make that choice. At McCoy's adults have a choice as to whether or not they will drink alcohol. McCoy doesn't differentiate in his service

between drinkers and non-drinkers.

I've heard a certain church group stopped going to McCoy's when alcohol was approved. That is their choice but I would beg the question as to whether they gave the place a chance. It's safe to say, as the council members approved the permit, that most city leaders have faith in McCoy. The restaurant will not turn into an eyesore for the city. McCoy operates a community-minded business. During the blackout, he gave away ice, as well as ice cream to local kids before it melted.

He continues to serve kids that come over from the skate park, even though they regularly cause some minor problems and leave the place a mess.

McCoy has now started to

replay all Belleville High School sports events on Fridays after home football games and at 5 p.m. Sundays on his big-screen television. Instead of whining about how the city gave away a valuable asset with the liquor license, residents should embrace such a community-orientated establishment.

As McCoy said himself, his establishment is here "... to serve the community and to try and make a living as well. However, we are not here for people that are narrow-minded, and think an entertainment license means we will be selling lap dances with hot fudge."

Diary - Vacation provides challenges

FROM PAGE 7

each step, my eyes getting bigger and bigger. I understood why the nightmare.

This scowl had to be at least 50 years old. It had at least 10 coats of black paint (a sign?) and as many patches. The "T" in the Viking was rusted over. Near the bow was a jagged hole that looked like someone had taken an ax, maybe a harpoon, and hacked a grapefruit-size hole in the side so water could drain. I swear:

I asked one of the sailors if the boat was safe.

"Sometimes I feel like wearing a life vest all the time," he replied, not smiling.

Thus began the "So sorry" saga. So sorry about not going to this island as scheduled. So sorry about not leaving on schedule. So sorry the boat doesn't use the sails.

What? No sails? But, the picture on the Internet showed it sailing? So sorry.

A couple of days into the non-sailing, sailing cruise, I jumped ship.

Sitting in Santorini, I watched the sun go down over the volcano, originally called Skaros. It was where the Catholics lived with their bishop in the 1700s until the volcano erupted and destroyed the village.

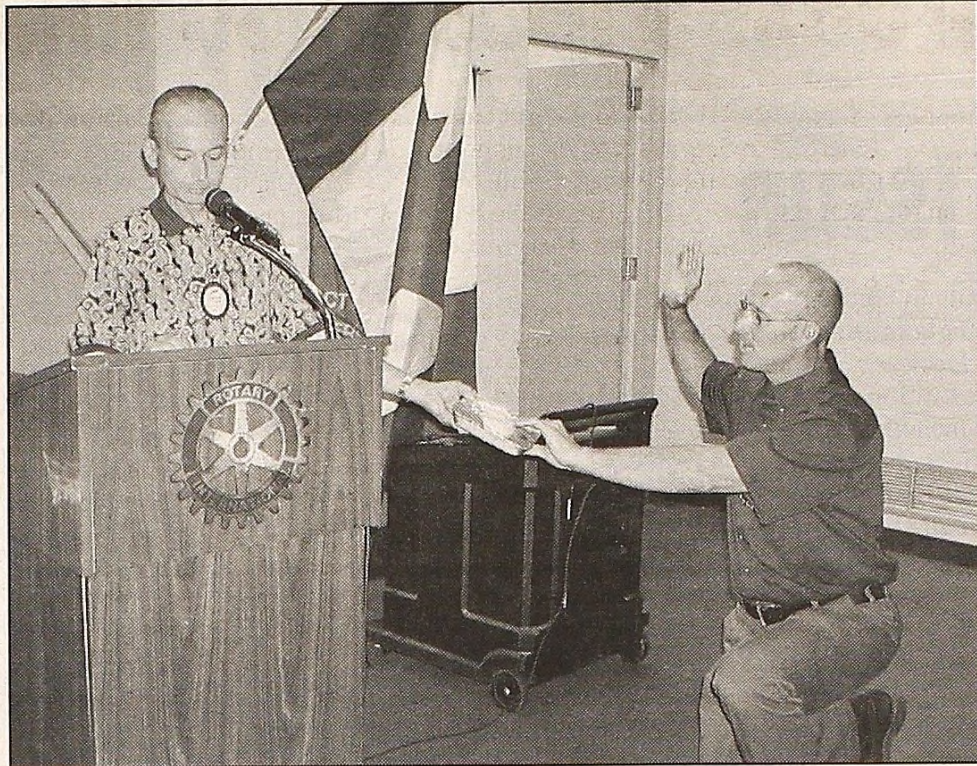
I smiled, thinking of all that I'd been through and how I'd taken it all in stride. Progress, Jerry, not per-

fection. I'd taken a lot of negatives and turned them into a fun time.

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Wand of wisdom

At the traditional "Blessing of the Chicken" during the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club meeting last week, Larry Turner, the barbecue chairman last year, passed the Breast of Truth, in the form of a package of frozen chicken, to incoming chairman Jeff Horton. Horton, who will now be responsible for the proper and efficient grilling of 11,000 chicken dinners during the Plymouth Fall Festival Rotary Barbecue this Sunday, was also presented the Wand of Wisdom—ensuring he will make no errors. This is the 48th annual barbecue the Rotary Club has organized. (Ticket information is on page 20.)

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Board increases fees to school sports events

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Football tickets, as well as admission to other athletic events in the Van Buren School District, will require an extra dollar out of spectators' pockets this year.

Parents and spectators will now pay \$4 for each event. The price increase became effective Monday.

The Van Buren Public School Board of Education approved the increased admissions price last week.

Michael Colletta, athletic director of Belleville High School, said the price increase reflects a recommendation made by the Michigan Mega Conference to increase ticket prices across the board for all athletic contests for conference schools. Each district retains the right to set its own ticket prices, he said.

Colletta said the athletic budget has been reduced by 10 percent for the current school year. The increased revenue will help offset reductions and minimize the effect the cuts will make on students.

"I'm pleased that we're not at the point of having pay-to-play programs like I've read about at other districts," said Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff.

Colletta said the cost of doing business has increased for his department, because there have been increases in officials' fees and transportation costs. Most schools will comply with the mega conference request, and parents and spectators will be asked to pay the higher admission price at away games, too, he said.

Cost-savings options are still available for game-goers. Senior citizens will still have the option to apply for a gold card, which entitles them to free admission to all high school athletic events, Colletta said. The department will still offer an athletic pass, which allows for 10 admissions for \$30.

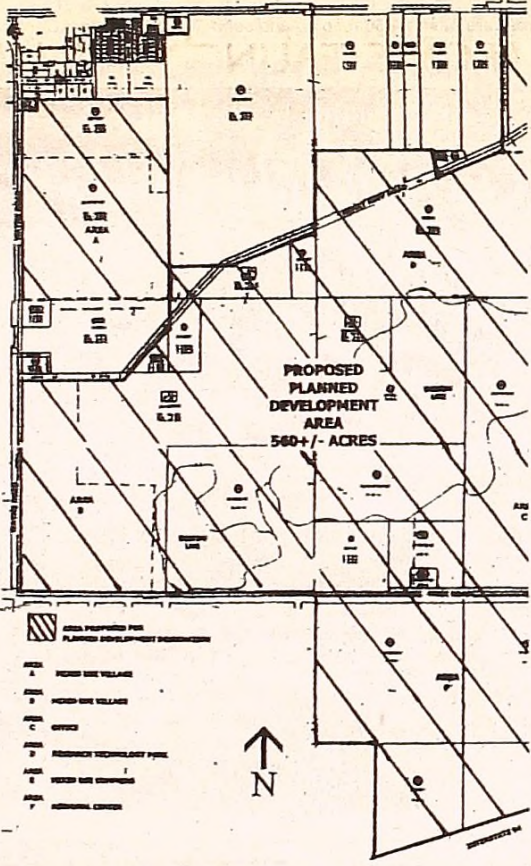
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Pete Lazaroff

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Romulus has scheduled a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed Metro World Centre Planned Development Area on 556± Acres located on the West side of Vining between I-94 Expressway and Ecorse Road.

Approximately 32.61 Acres will be designated as office, 76.72 Acres will be designated as mixed use village, 24.73 Acres will be designated as mixed use commons, 197.67 Acres will be designated as Research Technology Park and 100.55 Acres will be designated as Regional Center. The proposal also includes roads, storm water drainage, open space and sidewalk improvements.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 17, 2003, and should be addressed to Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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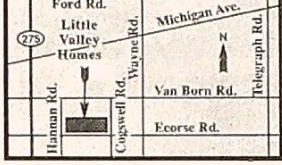
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 08-05-03 PROPOSED REZONING MAP

Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

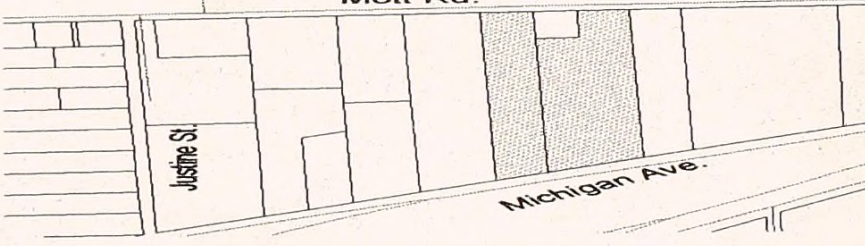
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 08-05-03

To rezone parcel numbers:

Legal Description of Property:
Parcel number. V125-83-021-01-0005-000 and V125-83-021-0006-000 from C-1 (General Business) to LDSF-B (LOW DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY).



Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 19th day of August, 2003.

Yeas: Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne and King.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

Joannie D. Payne
CMC
Township Clerk

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Polish National Dancers will highlight festival

One of the reasons thousands of Southeast Michigan residents flock to the Plymouth Fall Festival every year is the performance of the Polish National Alliance Dancers.

Now in the 23rd year, the 60-member dance troupe will perform several shows during the three-day fall festival beginning tomorrow and continuing until Sunday. The performances are all designed to bring the tastes and culture of the Polish people to the public, said Polish National Alliance spokesman Ken Salesky.

"The dance troupe is about celebrating our Polish heritage," he said. "It's chance to learn more about our history through dance and share it with others."

The dance troupe includes children and teenagers between the ages of about 6 to 18, Salesky said.

The dancing, he added, is a way for the performers to both physically and artistically express themselves.

The group practices every week in Livonia in addition to attending classes, according to Salesky. Classes include instruction in traditional polkas and the cultural landscape and the turbulent history of Poland.

Learning the dances provides youngsters a sense of the past, said Salesky. He has first-hand experience with the inclusion of history along with dance lessons with his daughter, 12-year-old

Kristen.

"My daughter has been dancing since she was 3 years old," he said. "I think the reason she has stayed interested is because it's something different. Her friends might take tap or ballet lessons, but this is something more. The costumes are colorful; the music is lively. It gives them the chance to learn more about what great-grandma or grandma might have done."

The group will operate a "Polish Kitchen" during the Fall Festival, which is always a big attraction.

The funds generated at the kitchen will help fund operating expenses and costs associated with performing at several functions, maintaining costumes and minimal costs for a choreographer.

Since its inception, the group has performed at several events, including the 1987 visit of the Pope and a concert with Bobby Vinton in 1988.

Each year, the Centennial Dancers perform at the Fall Fest and at Tiger Stadium for Polish Night.

The group also produces a local dance recital each year in April.

The Centennial Dancers have traveled to Poland to perform at the renowned Rzeszow Polish Folklore Festival. The executive director of the group is Jan Favot, and the choreographer is Susan Marzec.



The Polish National Alliance Dancers will perform during the Plymouth Fall Festival beginning tomorrow. The famous Polish Kitchen operated by the group will again feature Polish treats.



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'The Face' Latest work continues author's winning streak

Chalk this one up to guilty pleasure.

OK, so it isn't the great American novel and it doesn't impart any deep insights into the human condition. So maybe readers won't learn anything at all, except perhaps a little Bible counterculture—it's still a heck of a good time.

That's *The Face*—the latest novel in the long, long winning streak of best sellers from popular suspense (read horror) novelist Dean Koontz.

Here's an author with a true gift. This man can create characters and situations far out of the norm, far distant from any semblance of rationality, and make readers fall into his alternate world without so much as a whimper of disbelief.

Conversely, Koontz also creates some of the most believable and accessible characters in fiction. Only Stephen King comes close to his ability to devise characters of this reality and this believability all the while creating circumstances so otherworldly it takes a double dose of suspended disbelief just to get by. Sure, some of his villains would shock the editors at the *National Enquirer*, but most of his plots contain supernatural or other worldly phenomenon, so that's a small (read miniscule) complaint.

Koontz moves readers along at his trademark record-breaking pace. His plot simply soars from page to page and readers will not be able to get to the next chapter soon enough. While the inevitable cliff-hanging gets a bit tiring and predictable after awhile, it's only annoying because Koontz is so good at it and readers will become so absorbed and involved.

This time Koontz has invaded Hollywood in the form of Ethan Truman, a former Los Angeles cop. Truman is mourning the death of his wife who is and will always be the love of his life. He misses her like half or all of his

soul and finds continuing with life nearly impossible without her. His depression has nourished thoughts of suicide that he fights almost daily. A troubled man, our hero, and a deep one.

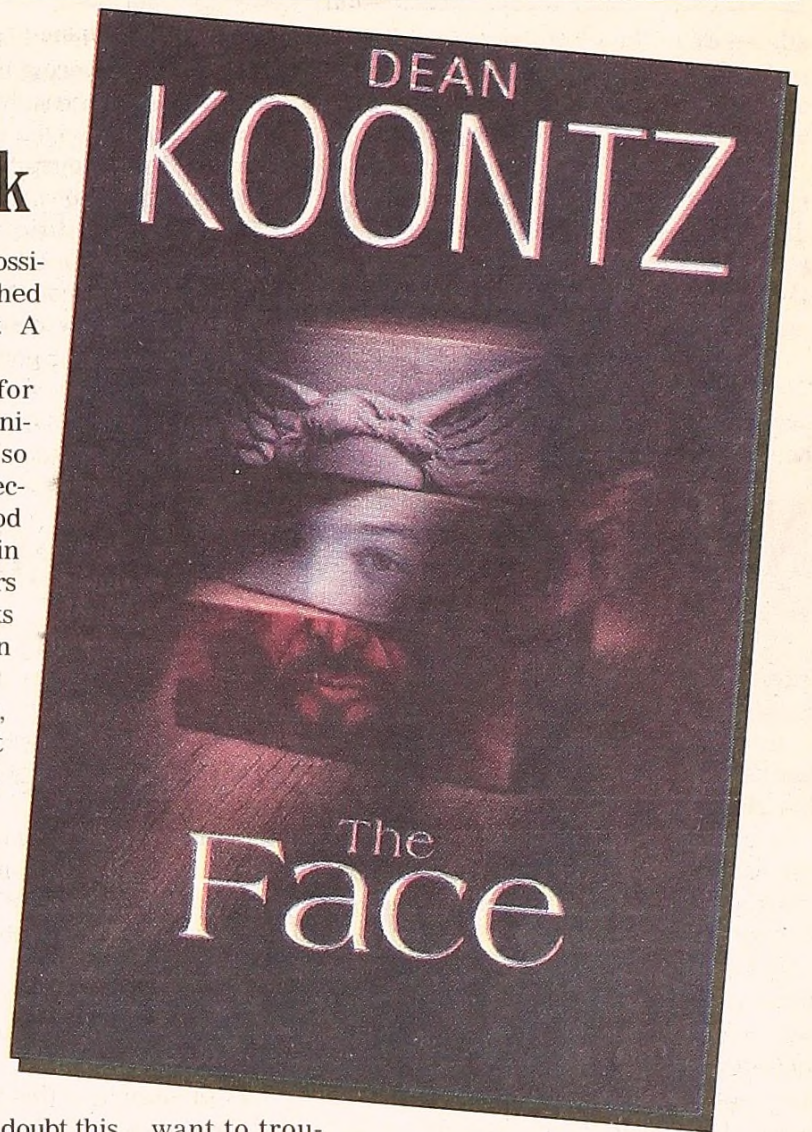
He has landed a job as security chief for Channing Manheim, movie star of the millennium. This is the man of the title, *The Face*, so known because he is as close to human perfection as it gets, according to all the Hollywood wags. Manheim (*The Face*) can sell \$40 million in movie tickets in a weekend and keep theaters packed for months on the basis of his looks alone. That makes him the highest paid star in the history of movies.

The catch is, that's all he is. Just *The Face*, there doesn't seem to be anything else. He isn't a man of deep emotions, convictions or thought. He is, simply, *The Face*.

A brief marriage to an equally, if not more, shallow super model has produced a son, named Aelfric after a cheesy movie character. Fric, as the 10-year-old prefers to be called (who wouldn't?), is a thin, shy, overeducated, underloved child who will melt the hearts of any reader who gets past page 25.

And that too, speaks to Koontz' talent. When it comes to child heroes and listening and interpreting children's voices, no one can doubt this man's genius.

The Face has been receiving mysterious "messages" at his legendary Bel Air estate. Nobody quite knows what they mean—well, that's not really true since some readers will find the messages pretty obvious and won't have to strain any synapses to figure out what they mean. *The Face*, of course, is oblivious and the hired help wouldn't



want to trouble the important man.

Koontz has created a world that may be every bit as bizarre as the real Hollywood. Reality slips sideways and cruelty, sadism and pure evil walk surefooted without detection in this version of Hollywood society. Koontz has

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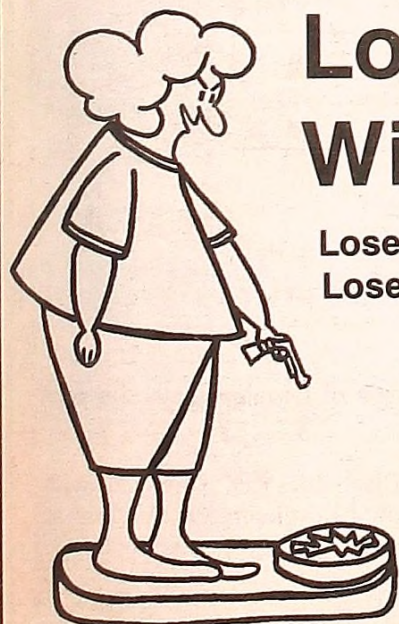
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Face - Best seller features villian who makes Hannibal Lechter look like Barney

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offered us the theory of chaos as a religion, supernatural events, conversations with the dead and a ghost who has come to protect his long lost, best friend. Or has he?

Take care. Nothing is quite as it seems, except our heroes, Ethan Truman, and that name can't have been a mistake, and Fric—who's foolish name speaks volumes about the parental neglect which has marked his privileged life.

Ethan Truman's best friend has just died after being on life-support for an extended time. Estranged from his boyhood friend, Ethan is surprised to find that

Dunny Whistler has made him the executor of his estate.

When Ethan visits his friend's apartment, after discovering his body missing from the morgue, the shower is running in bathroom and he sees a cloudy indistinct something in the mirror. Spookier is the feeling he has of knowing he isn't alone.

Fric, too, in addition to mysterious phone calls from the other world, experiences very close encounters with the man who is supposed to be dead.

Is he a power for good or evil—who sent him, from which end of the afterlife—and what is he really supposed to do?

Then there is the time bending and the

hallucinations that predict the future—all of which colored by the undeniable humanity of Ethan Truman and the personification of the human spirit that is Fric.

The most obvious villain in *The Face* makes Hannibal Lechter look like Barney. The others are far less obvious but far

more evil.

Perhaps *The Face* is that mask we all use to cover the things we are less than proud of in our lives—or perhaps it's just another guilty but eminently enjoyable read from one of the best-selling authors in the world.

Recommended.

New chiropractic office opens

A new chiropractic office, owned by Dr. Tamra J. Quade, has opened on Main Street in downtown Belleville.

Quade said she selected Belleville for her new practice for the rural setting and the friendliness of the community.

A native of South Dakota, Quade said she has always enjoyed the feel of a small town and that Belleville reminds her of her hometown.

Quade received her doctoral degree from Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, TX. She completed her studies in 1997 and worked as a chiropractic associate until she began her own practice in South Dakota in 2000. She moved to

Michigan in 2001 and has been working the ABC Chiropractic in Wayne until recently.

Quade said she emphasizes wellness education to her patients and the community at large.

"In our society, we do so many things that put stress on our spine and it affects our entire bodies. It hardly matters what line of work you are in," she said.

"From sitting at a desk all day to standing on your feet doing repetitive motion tasks, they all take a toll on the spine and cause pain.

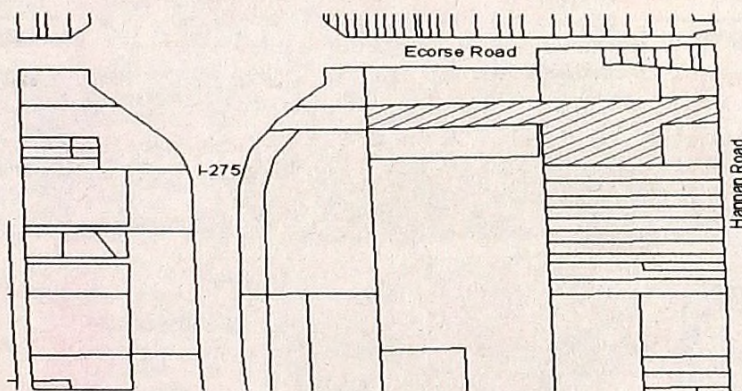
"My philosophy is that it's easier to stay well than to get well," Quade said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday September 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

This Public Hearing relates to approximately 12.9 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-045-99-0006-0022-000. This property is requesting Special Use Approval to construct a Detroit Edison Substation.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the Visteon Property which is west of Hannan Road south of Ecorse Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Copies thereof may be purchased on or after 2:00 pm, local time, September 2, 2003, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McClimment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than 5% of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The right is reserved to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids.

Linda R. Choate,
City Clerk
City of Romulus

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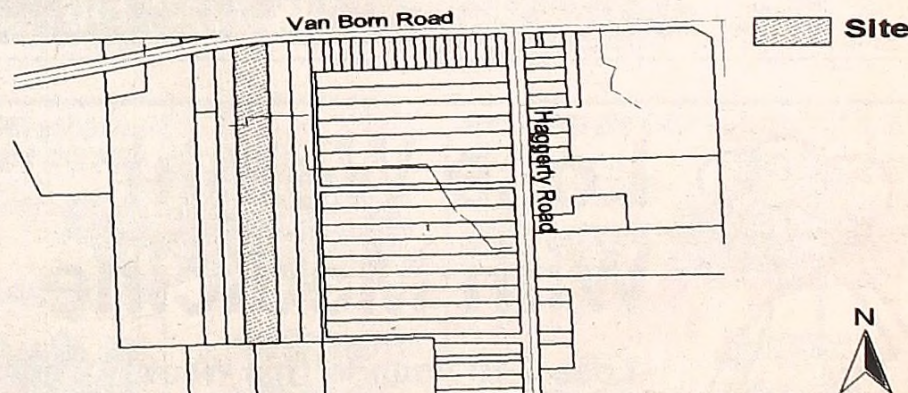
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A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number

V125-83-005-99-0006-000

Property listed above to be re-zone from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to M-T (Industrial Transportation)

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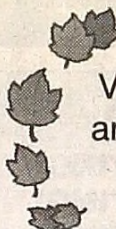
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SPORTS

Zebras shock Spartans in football opener

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Wayne Memorial Zebras kicked off the football season on a winning note last week.

They traveled to the unfriendly confines of Livonia Stevenson, where the Spartans have dominated the grid iron for decades and walked away with a 20-14 victory, according to Head Coach Craig Hnatuk.

"It was a good game for us," he said. "They've got an outstanding program over there; they always go to the playoffs."

The Zebras haven't had a lot of success on the football field recently, but if the team felt over-matched, they didn't play like it. In fact, they scored on their first drive and never trailed in the game, according to Hnatuk.

On the first play from scrimmage, senior quarterback Brad Wilson handed off to tailback Tyrone Dillard. Dillard found a whole and evaded a host of defenders as he scampered 80 yard for the touchdown. The extra point put the Zebras up 7-0.

"We knew how they were going to line up, and it worked out well for us," Hnatuk said.

Later, Wilson hooked up with J.R. Fells for a 40-yard pass that put the Zebras within striking distance, again. They chewed up some more yardage, and then Dillard ran it in from about five yards out, Hnatuk said.

The Spartans rallied to bring the score to 14-7, but then Tyrell Ford received a kick and ran it back for a touchdown to virtually seal the game for the Zebras. They missed the extra point, but led 20-7. The defense made the lead stick.

Hnatuk said he was pleased with the way the Zebras opened the season against a perennially tough football team.

"We played the game like we were capable of playing it," he said. "We've got a lot of talent."

This is Hnatuk's first season as head coach of the Zebras. He took over for legendary coach Floyd Carter, who retired from the post after last season. Hnatuk is no stranger to the program, though, or to some of his players. He spent 17 years as an assistant coach in the John Glenn system, and said he knows how to build a winning program.

See Football, page 19



Re-iced

The Plymouth Whalers lost their first preseason game against cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires 2-1 over Labor Day weekend. Plymouth will start the regular season on the road against last year's OHL Champs the Kitchener Rangers on Sept. 19. The Whaler's first home game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 2 against the Oshawa Generals.

Chiefs rally to defeat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 28-14

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs rallied from behind to win their season opener, 28-14, last week against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Ann Arbor took control in the first quarter and scored the only points and led the Chiefs 7-0.

Canton rallied back in the second quarter when Chuck Schumacher stuffed in a two-yard run for a touchdown. Kurt

McKee kicked the extra point to tie the game 7-7.

The longest play of the game was a 92-yard touchdown pass from Chief Quarterback Shawn

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THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD AUGUST 11, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL,
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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Councilwoman Debbie Romak.

Present: William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Randolph Gear, LeRoy Burcroff.
Absent: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth, to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-316

2A Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 4, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain: Romak. Motion Carried.

03-317

2B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the special meeting held August 6, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Abstain - Miller. Motion Carried.

3A. *Deleted.

03-318

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to concur with request of the VFW Post #1869 and grant a No-Fee Permit for August 15th 16th and 17th -Festival and Yard Sale at Wayne Road and Cypress Street.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. No Action Taken.

3D. No Action Taken.

03-319

4A. Motion by Miller, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of William R. Watt.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-320

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Eddie Witherow.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-321

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with Margaret A. Leduc, Coordinator, Emergency Management, to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant Program and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the 2004 State/Local Work Agreement Process with the State of Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. * Deleted.

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-05.

| FUND/DEPT. | | CURRENT | | AMENDED |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | BUDGET | AMENDMENT | BUDGET |
| C.D.B.G. | | | | |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| 252-2250-722.85-12 | Grants/County Wide | 0 | 17,038 | 17,038 |
| | #01-32-14A | | | |

Revenues

252-2250-512-50-10 Federal Grant/Grant Revenue 187,000 17,038 204,038

To recognize additional revenues and offsetting expenditures for monies received pursuant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-323

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to concur with the Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and grant authorization to purchase replacement interior mounted equipment in Police Vehicle R-27, with funds available in the Motor Vehicle Fund, Machinery and Equipment Account.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-324

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 03/04-00 introduced at the meeting held August 4, 2003, to appropriate additional funds for the premium increase for Property and Liability Self Insurance effective July 1, 2003 with the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-325

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve purchase of the following purchase eight (8) Properties from the Wayne County Treasurer in the amount of \$9,927.64.

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 80-020-03-0014-000 | 80-017-01-0080-000 |
| 80-020-0006-301 | 80-014-03-0243-000 |
| 80-020-0086-300 | 80-014-03-0234-000 |
| 80-017-01-0081-000 | 80-020-99-0019-701 |

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-326

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-06:

| Fund/Dept. | | Current | | Amended |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Account No. | Acct. Name | Budget | Amendment | Budget |
| General Fund | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| 101-2130-721.74-14 | City Owned Property | 5,000 | 9,928 | 14,928 |
| | Land Acquisitions | | | |

| Fund Balance | Available | Appropriate | Balance |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| General Fund | 280,785 | 9,928 | 270,857 |

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of eight (8) properties from the Wayne County Treasurer due to delinquent taxes.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-327

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization to pay Warrant 03-15 with the removal of check no.#2127 to be voted on separately, in the total amount of Six Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, One Hundred Six Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$634,106.84).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak. Motion Carried.

03-328

11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization to pay check no. #2127, from Warrant 03-15, B&L Automotive, in the amount of \$37.04.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Abstain: Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 4, 2003

Wayne man nets record sized piranha

Even before Wayne resident Terry Calkins landed his feisty catch on Aug. 22, he knew he had something unusual.

He just didn't know how unusual his 3.9 pound catch was, and in fact needed a second opinion when he pulled the odd-looking fish from Houghton Lake.

It turned out to be a piranha, according to a local fish expert. The 3.9 pound specimen was a record for the species, too, Calkins said.

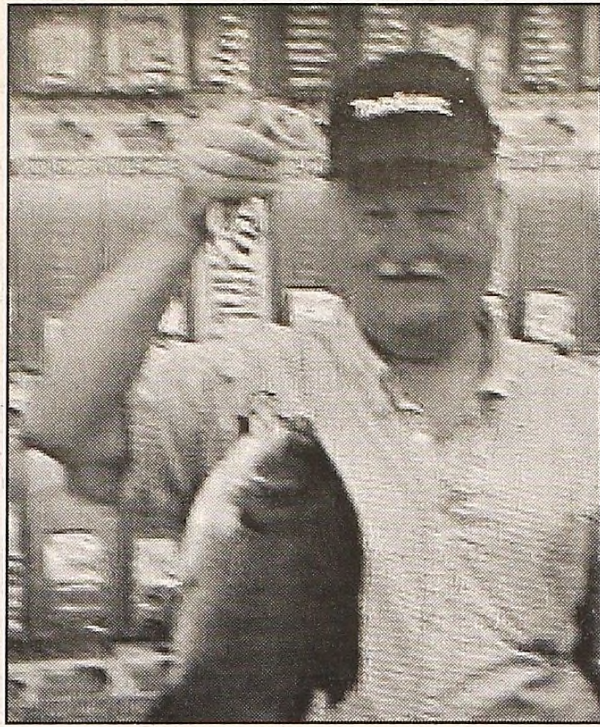
He caught the fish when he was visiting the lake up north. He was fishing in the Iroquois canals, which are attached to the lake. His bait? A plump worm.

Calkins said the fish put up quite a struggle, which was one of the first indications that he had something other than the typical lake fare on the line.

"He fought real hard," Calkins said. "I lost him twice."

By the time he landed the sleek fish, quite a crowd had gathered, he said. They were as puzzled as he was.

"People were coming from all around. 'Let me



Terry Calkins landed this 3.9 pound piranha.

see that fish,' they said," Calkins said. "Nobody knew what it was."

In the end, they took it to a local bait shop where the proprietor identified it. He took Calkins' picture and posted it on the web at houghtonlakefishing.com

Calkins said he was as surprised as anyone when he learned the species of the fish.

"I swim in that lake," he said. "Or at least I used to."

Zebra soccer team is blanked by Garden City

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The blue and gold Wayne Zebras mens' soccer team fell to Garden City last week in a shutout.

Garden City scored with 2:00 left in the first half to lead the Zebras 1-0. Garden City's second score came at 4:00 into the second half. Neither team scored after that, and the final was 2-0 in favor of Garden City.

Despite giving up the two goals, Josh Fyfe, the goalkeeper for the Zebras, had a great game and made some difficult saves, according to head coach Larry Brenner.

Chad Phipps, a sophomore forward also played hard but wasn't able to get anything going.

"Chad did a great job up front," said Brenner. "He didn't have the horses out there to help him out, though."

However, the young team is still being pieced together. Brenner said that he still has three players that are ineligible to play and to help fill the gap he pulled up junior varsity players, James Sikora (sophomore) and Kyle Lehman (junior) to play.

"As the team starts to gel a little bit things will get better," Brenner said.

The Zebras will have other

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Before the season started I told the team that I expected us to win eight games. Unfortunately, Garden City was one of them.
Larry Brenner

opportunities against upcoming weaker Mega division teams such as Lincoln Park, Taylor Truman and Kennedy, and Southgate.

"Before the season started I told the team that I expected us to win eight games," Brenner said.

"Unfortunately, Garden City was one of them."

To make things even more difficult for the Zebras, Wayne has been placed in the tough Western Lakes Division that includes teams from soccer Mecca schools such as Walled Lake, Churchill, Canton, Stevenson, Salem and Northville.

On the up side, nothing is for certain in sports.

Last week, Northville soccer coach, Henry Klimes said, "Any team can beat any team in high school soccer."

Canton - Chiefs ready for Rockets on home field

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Little to Devin Thomas. The kick failed and made it a 13-7 game in favor of the Chiefs to end the half.

Thomas scored again on a 64-yard pass play from Little. It was the Little-Thomas connection

again that hooked up for the two-point conversion.

The third quarter ended with a score of 21-14 with the Chiefs still in the lead.

Schumacher finished Ann Arbor off with a 35 yard run for a score. After the extra point by

McKee the game ended, 28-14.

"We had some big plays from Thomas," said head coach Tim Baechler. "The offense sputtered a little bit and the defense kept us in it in the second half."

The next Canton game is against John Glenn at home.

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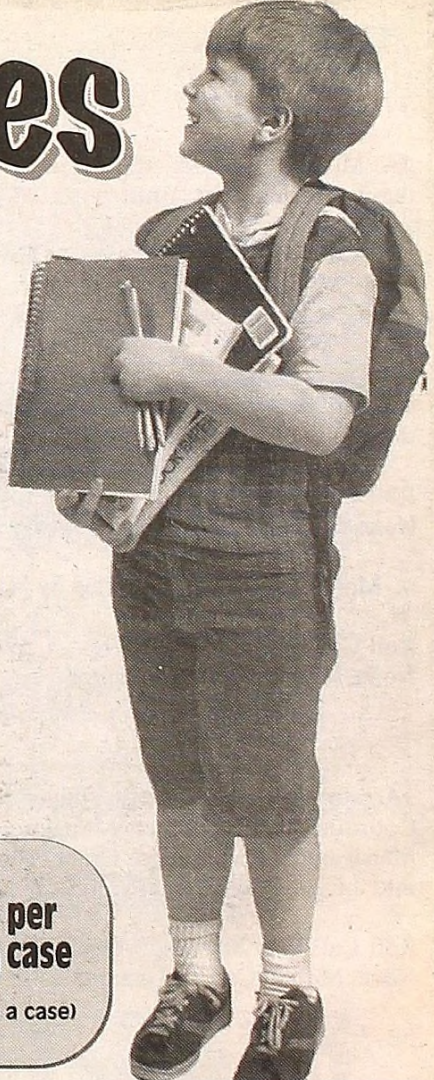
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Westland gymnast draws national accolades

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's been quite a summer for Tina Stanton, a sophomore at John Glenn High School in Westland. She has had more medals for gymnastics and power tumbling put around her neck than Mr. T has gold chains around his.

Most recently, Stanton spent seven days in Sacramento, CA, where she competed in the National Trampoline and Tumbling Championship. She won third place in power tumbling in the level 10, 15-16-year-

old girls category.

During the competition she spent the first three days practicing on the equipment and getting accustomed to the surroundings, according to her father Mike, who accompanied Tina on her trip.

The fourth day was the preliminary competition. There, the top five girls from every age group moved on to the final day of competition.

Power tumbling is a lesser-known gymnastics hybrid. All World Gym in Warren is the only gym in Michigan that teaches power tumbling, according to Mike Stanton.

"The sport doesn't get much attention, especially on a local level," he said.

At the competition the finalists are scored on two tumbling passes judged by three officials. The first is a compulsory pass, a set of required techniques.

On the second pass the competitors have chance to show their creativity. They get to make up their own pass consisting of eight tumbling techniques. They are then scored on the difficulty of the moves and their artistic style.

Her performance in the finals was good enough for third place

at the national competition, which ranked her fifth overall in the country.

"We are very proud of her and her hard work and being able to do two top-level sports (in gymnastics and power tumbling)," Mike Stanton said.

Her coaches, Pete Roberts and Tatiana Gutsu, also praise Tina for her focus and hard work.

It may be the hard work and 20-25 hours per week of practice that get her through the competitions, but Tina said that it's the adrenaline before hand that she loves.

Her other accomplishments

this summer include a first place at the Regional Gymnastics Power Tumbling Meet in Grand Rapids, earlier this year. And in the same weekend she took a third place and four gold medals at the Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) Regional Meet in Kalamazoo.

"It was probably the best meet of her life," Roberts said.

Now, Tina said she would head into the off-season and take a break from competitions until December when the new gymnastics season starts.

However, she said that she would still be at the gym her normal 20-25 hours per week.

Football - New coach, season, attitude

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Already, he said, he's made some drastic changes. He instituted an off-season work out program, toughened up the discipline on the team and made players improve the way they present themselves in class. The goal, he said, is for the students to take their athletics and their education more seriously.

"The expectations are a lot higher," he said. "We're better prepared. If they like the feeling, which they did last Thursday, They'll start to buy into it."

He said that the Zebras would have to be prepared to be successful in the early portion of the schedule. After an away game at Stevenson last week, they head up to Walled Lake Western tomorrow. Next week, their competition isn't any easier,

they take on the Canton Chiefs, who made a run at a state championship last year.

"We have the toughest three games to open the season as anyone in the state," Hnatuk said.

It'll be a good test of the team, he said, which is on the young side and features several underclassmen as starters. But they'll have something that they didn't have all of last year when they go into the game Friday - and every game after that: scouting reports. Hnatuk said the players can expect a 12-14 page report on what to look for from all their opponents.

He said it's up to the individual athletes to read the report, but the information will certainly come in handy, particularly on the Warriors' home turf.

"It'll be a hostile environment out there," he said.

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